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SUBJECT: DPC, JULY 25, 1973- FOLLOW-UP TO DPC MINISTERIAL

REF: USNATO 3502; STATE 144784 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: DPC ON JULY 25, 1973 UNDER ITEM II OF THE
AGENDA TOOK UP U.S. PROPOSALS ON FOLLOW-UP TO JUNE 7 DPC
MINISTERIAL DECISION ON BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING
CNA CERTAIN CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT. THE EWG
AND DRC WERE REQUESTED TO GIVE DETAILED ATTENTION TO THE
NECESSARY STUDIES. END SUMMARY.

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA OPENED SUBJECT BY CALLING
ATTENTION OF PERMREPS TO THE U.S. LETTER OF JULY 24, 1973
(USNATO 3502) AMPLIFYING U.S. SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED
WITH STUDY ON FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT JUNE 7 DPC
MINISTERIAL DECISION ON BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE
PLANNING AND CERTAIN CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT.
PANSA FOUND THE U.S. LETTER HELPFUL, BUT POINTED TO THE
CONSIDERABLE WORKLOAD IF THE PROPOSED U.S. SCHEDULE WERE
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MET. AT THE SAME TIME HE WELCOMED THE INTERRELATIONS
BETWEEN THE STUDY AND THE FALL FORCE PLANNING EFFORTS.

2. UK (PECK) FOUND THE U.S. IMPLIFICATION USEFUL; FELT THE

SOONER A START WAS MADE THE BETTER; WOULD ASSIST IN THE STUDY; POINTED OUT THE NEED TO AVOID DUPLICATION WITH OTHER EFFORTS ALONG THE SAME LINE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AGREE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WARNED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE NO MORE THAN A PROGRESS REPORT IN DECEMBER WITH A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT TO FOLLOW IN THE SPRING.

3. GERMANY (BOSS) FELT THE TIMING PROPOSED BY THE U.S. TO BE TOO OPTIMISTIC AND WARNED THAT THE QUALITY OF THE FALL ANNUAL DEFENSE REVIEW SHOULD NOT BE DEGRADED BY A DIVERSION OF TOO MUCH EFFORT ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO MEET A DEAD-LINE-GERMANY WANTED THE BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL EXAMINATIONS TO BE THOROUGH.

4. U.S. (MCAULIFFE) RECOGNIZED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND LENGTHY BUT SAW THE NEED FOR A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT THIS DECEMBER-THE PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTS MUST BE MADE AWARE THAT EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO GET OPTIMUM USE OF THE RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE HAD PROPOSED A TWO PHASE STUDY.

5. PANSA CLOSED BY ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO PLACE SUBJECT ON AGENDA OF AN EARLY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP. THIS MAKES IT ESSENTIAL THAT ANY ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON PROPOSALS (STATE 144784) BE AVAILABLE BY TIME OF EWG MEETING ON 27 JULY.
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